

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

An imaging system including ~~comprising~~: a lens; a dichroic filter positioned in front of the lens; and a high pass filter positioned between the lens and the dichroic filter. An appropriate design coordinating the components of such an imaging system ~~to diminish~~ diminishes imaging artifacts related to wide-angle imaging of fluorescent objects.